

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

In the Office Action mailed June 28, 2005, claims 1, 6, 7, 12 and 23-25 were rejected over a plurality of references for a variety of reasons. Also, claims 3-5 were allowed.

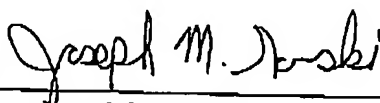
Accordingly, without acquiescing to the appropriateness of the prior art rejections issued by the Examiner, and solely to further advance prosecution of this application, by the current Amendment: claim 1 has been cancelled, claims 6, 7, 12 and 25 have been amended so as to depend from allowed claim 3; and claim 27 has been added.

Accordingly, because the only independent claim remaining has been allowed by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, with the allowed claims being 3-7, 12, 23-25 and 27, and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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